

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 18, lines 19-26, with the following amended paragraph:

-- In the third variation, customer 3 operates without making use of either the LDS 16 or a means of communication with the LDC 14. After the ordering, via information exchange path 10, and delivery from the vendor 12 to the ~~LDS 16~~ LDC 14, utilizing paths 20 and 30, processing is complete, and customer 3 must physically go to the LDC 14 to pick up his or her goods via goods flow path 130. --